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# Memorandum

TO : OC Equipment Board Members

DATE: 21 September 1977

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FROM : [REDACTED]  
OC Equipment Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of OC Equipment Board  
Meeting No. 7-77 [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Meeting No. 7-77 of the OC Equipment Board  
was held on 13 September 1977 in the D/CO Conference Room.  
The following persons attended:

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Mr.	[REDACTED]	DD/CO	Chairman
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-O	Member
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-E	Member
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-CMD	Member
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-CS	Member
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-P&B	Member
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-PS	Alternate
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-E	Guest
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-E (SAFE)	Guest
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-E	Guest
Mr.	[REDACTED]	OC-E	Secretary

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2. [REDACTED] The Chairman opened the meeting and requested  
a status report on the Field Station Unattended Operation  
(FSUO). Mr. [REDACTED] responded and said that a joint committee  
composed of Ops and Engineering representatives is gathering  
data from the OC field stations to determine the most likely  
sites for FSUO. A Cost Benefit Analysis on FSUO has been  
prepared and distributed to the Equipment Board Members.

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[REDACTED] has been chosen as the next test site with testing  
starting approximately 1 November. The equipment used in the  
[REDACTED] test is being refurbished and will be shipped to [REDACTED]  
shortly. There appears to be a total of approximately [REDACTED]  
stations worldwide that would benefit from FSUO.

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3. [REDACTED] The discussion commenced and the Chairman asked  
what, if any, savings would result from FSUO? Mr. [REDACTED]  
said there would not be any personnel savings, only a reduction  
in station coverage time. Mr. [REDACTED] added there would be

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25X1 no general savings and FSUO couldn't be used in MRS stations. Mr. [redacted] inquired if [redacted] could get an agreement to change the MRS operation at those stations. At this point, a question was raised concerning the confusion in names of this system and it was decided to use "Unattended Operation Terminal (UOT)" from now on.

25X1 4. [redacted] In the continued discussion, Mr. [redacted] mentioned that the UOT should allow the operators more time for other demands, such as maintenance, and there would be longer periods in the day when both the operators would be on duty. Mr. [redacted] said the [redacted] UOT test should be interesting as there have been complaints of late delivery of traffic at that station. He also asked what provisions have been made for technician training on UOT. Mr. [redacted] answered that the recorder/controller was being spared to enable repair by board replacement and the M-40 maintenance is presently being taught at [redacted] added that there were several other aspects which must be examined before UOT's can go into wide-spread use. One of these being the type of crypto used in the Block countries. Mr. [redacted] asked if this might not be a good time to review the worldwide KW-7 Conversion Plan, and does SB still require traffic flow security? Mr. [redacted] replied that the up-coming KG-84 may solve these problems. The Chairman asked how does FASTCAST compare with UOT? Mr. [redacted] responded that FASTCAST is being planned for use at SKYLINK Field Stations and UOT is intended for landline stations.

25X1 5. [redacted] The next item on the agenda was a briefing on the status of the SAFE Project by Mr. [redacted] 25X1 Mr. [redacted] reported that the two SAFE Study Contractors have been chosen and the contracts should be signed shortly. The FY-79 funds requested for initial hardware procurement were cut by Congress, and since Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is requesting funds to develop a similar system, ADIS, Congress requested the two projects be combined. The DCI agree with this request and members of the DIA staff developing ADIS will join the SAFE Project staff in January 1978. One of the proposed features of ADIS is a worldwide system of data terminals located in each of the [redacted] Now that DIA has been brought into the development, the Project will be delayed at least a year. Also the Mitre "Bus Distribution System" which is part of the SAFE development is now being tested and demonstrated.

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25X1 6. [redacted] The last item on the agenda, New Commo Systems Impact on Personnel, was addressed by Mr. [redacted] This was discussed in an earlier meeting and in other memos. The problem is that even after new automated systems, which should reduce the need for operations personnel, are installed in OC facilities, the requirements for personnel increase. It appears that OC has not followed up and forced personnel cuts after new systems go on line. In the following discussion, it was pointed out that Operations must decide which old systems should be removed when new ones are put in. It was agreed that closer management was necessary in these situations and that OC-O and OC-CMD must enforce this discipline of personnel reductions whenever possible.

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